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2. Prior to the spring of 1954, the former convent at the intersection of ul. Sira and ul. Travník in the center of the city was occupied by soldiers who wore epaulettes of a red basic color. The main building of the convent had four stories and was about 100 meters long. Prior to the spring of 1954, the former Svislý estate which the family also called the Ludiku Grunt estate was used as military billets. One Senior Lieutenant Brazda (fnu) who belonged to a motor transport unit was known to be stationed in this installation, which was located in the southeastern sector of the city about 400 meters southeast of the former convent.²
3. A newly constructed barracks installation which the population called the New Barracks near Zelatovice (P 50/O 03) was allegedly located about 1.5 kilometers east of the city on the north side of the Zelatovice road. Troops were frequently observed practicing in the uneven area of the meadows 2 kilometers southwest of Zelatovice.³
4. Prior to the spring of 1954, the station komendatura was located in the building of the former four-story sugar factory on ul. Kosetínská. Military motor vehicles were frequently parked in front of this installation. No sentries were observed. The recruiting district headquarters was located in a building on ul. Smetanova in the center of the city which also housed the local national committee.⁴
5. Prior to September 1954, numerous motor vehicles were seen parked under long open wooden sheds in the cantonments at the southeastern exit of Sokolov (N 51/P 58) on the northeast side of the Vitkov (N 51/P 58) road. On various occasions, construction work and levelling activity was observed in the area of the installation. Improving of the billets continued. A military motor-vehicle repair shop where trucks were repaired was located just northwest of the cantonment on the opposite side of the street.⁵

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